

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing method for creating an executable file by combining a plurality of run units, the method comprising:

identifying a first data entity and a second data entity, wherein both the first data entity and the second data entity are identified using an Assembler instruction, and wherein the Assembler instruction identifies character strings which are required to appear only once in the executable file;

responsive to a determination that a first run unit to be added to the executable file comprises [[a]] the first data entity set to a first value indicating that the first data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, determining whether the first data entity matches [[a]] the second data entity set to a second value and included in a second run unit, wherein the second run unit comprises a run unit that was previously added to the executable file;

responsive to a determination that the first data entity matches the second data entity, adding the first run unit to the executable file without the first data entity; and

responsive to a determination that the first data entity does not match the second data entity, adding the first run unit to the executable file with the first data entity.

2. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1 wherein the first data entity matches the second data entity if the first value and second value are identical.

3. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1 wherein the first data entity matches the second data entity if the second value partially matches the first value.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 3 further comprising:

identifying a third data entity using an Assembler instruction that identifies character strings which are required to appear only once in the executable file;

determining whether the first data entity matches [[a]] the third data entity included in a third run unit to be added to the executable file, wherein the third data entity is set to a third value indicating that the third data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, and wherein the first data entity matches the third data entity if the third value contains the first value;

responsive to a determination that the first data entity matches the third data entity, removing the first data entity from the executable file; and
adding the third data entity to the executable file.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 1 wherein the determination that the first run unit to be added to the executable file comprises [[a]] the first data entity set to a first value indicating that the first data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, comprises:
locating a plurality of data entities in the first run unit; and
creating the first data entity from the plurality of data entities.

6-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 5 wherein locating a plurality of data entities comprises locating a plurality of data entities using a key value by which each of the plurality of data entities is marked.

15-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method of claim 1 wherein the Assembler instruction is a DL Assembler instruction.
22. (New) A method of claim 21, wherein the DL Assembler instruction is a type of Assembler instruction that denotes a non-executable data entity which needs only be included once in the executable file.